



# IN-TANDEM INSIGHT

November 2021.

## Welcome from the Chairman.

The national Alert Level 4 lockdown in August was challenging for many and we want to especially acknowledge those members and their families who may still be stuck at home. We all hope for a sense of normality sometime soon, and a sunny summer ahead!

Despite the national lockdown in August, the New Zealand equity market returned 5.0% for the month and 4.9% over the September quarter. You can read more about recent financial market performance in this newsletter.

By now you should have received a copy of your personalised statement and annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021. This document includes a projected account balance (based on a number of assumptions that are published in the annual report), to help you see if you are on track to achieve the retirement lifestyle you want, or need to make any changes to reach your savings goals.

On behalf of the Trustee Directors, we wish you all a great summer and holiday season.

**Bruce Kerr,**  
Chairman

## Scheme snapshot.

- **\$384.1 million** in accumulated retirement savings as at 31 October 2021
- **4,227** members and **127** pensioners as at 31 October 2021
- **175** new In-Tandem members between 1 July 2021 and 31 October 2021



## Reduced investment fees for most investment funds.

The Scheme Trustee is in the process of changing the investment mix that will lead to lower fees in four investment funds. The removal of Alternative Assets from the majority of the Scheme's investment funds will see that allocation spread amongst other growth asset classes including Australasian equities, International equities, and Real Assets. Scheme performance should not be materially impacted by the changes to the Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) and the long-term performance objectives for each Fund remain unchanged. Here is a comparison of investment fees:

Scheme Funds	Previous Fees	Fees after removal of Alternatives	Difference
<i>In-Tandem Funds:</i>			
Cash Fund	0.14%	0.14%	0.00%
Defensive Fund	0.30%	0.29%	-0.01%
Moderate Balanced Fund	0.49%	0.42%	-0.07%
Growth Fund	0.59%	0.49%	-0.10%
High Growth Fund	0.70%	0.57%	-0.13%
Defined Benefit Fund	0.59%	0.49%	-0.10%

The **Product Disclosure Statement** and the **Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives** have been updated to reflect the updated Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) settings.



## Accessing your online account.

Our new In-Tandem website that was launched earlier this year offers a new dashboard that shows your account balance, account summary, an option to download your annual confirmations, and recent account activity all in one place. Each section of the dashboard allows you to click through to find more details about each of the elements. You can also check and update your personal details, make changes to your investment options, and use a risk profiler to find out what level of investment risk you may be comfortable with and consider that with your current investment allocation.

[Access your account](#)



## Investment market performance.

### Quarter ended 30 September 2021

While the world grapples with the COVID-19 delta variant, there have been signs of life returning to some form of normal, with many developed countries starting to relax travel restrictions and social distancing measures. At quarter-end, over 6 billion vaccine doses have been administered, up from 3.1 billion just three months ago. However, higher vaccination rates remain skewed toward more developed nations.

The broader New Zealand equity market returned an impressive 4.9% over the September quarter, with August the standout month featuring a 5.0% gain. This comfortably outperformed international shares, recouping some of the prior two quarters' under-performance. Within global equities, US equities returned 0.6%, while Australian

European equities fell 0.2% while Emerging markets was the weakest performer, falling 8.1% as a regulatory crackdown in China impacted multiple sectors including technology, real estate, and education.

China, the second largest economy in the world, has been facing several challenges with growth as it is tackles a power crisis stemming from coal shortages (coal makes up nearly 60% of China's energy use) leading to curbs on power usage and a slowdown in its manufacturing sector, while the debt crunch at its largest real estate developer (and the world's most indebted real estate developer), Evergrande, has now spilled over to the property sector.

*Source: BT Funds Management*

*Date: 27 October 2021*

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## How has your fund performed?

Investment performance as at 30 September 2021 after fees and tax.

	3 months	1 year	3 years (pa)	5 years (pa)
Cash Fund	0.1%	0.5%	1.0%	1.3%
Defensive Fund	0.1%	2.3%	2.7%	2.7%
Moderate Balanced Fund	0.2%	7.2%	5.1%	5.4%
Growth Fund	0.2%	10.9%	6.5%	7.2%
High Growth Fund	0.5%	16.8%	8.7%	10.0%

Returns are based on unit prices (determined by Mercer) for the respective funds.

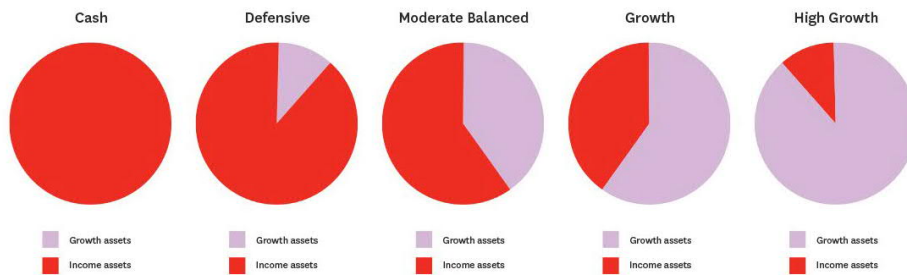
*Source: BT Funds Management*

## What is your asset allocation?

Your online account and member statement display what investment option(s) you have chosen, but do you know the underlying balance of growth assets verses income assets of your investments? The charts below show how the allocation of growth assets increases progressively from cash to high growth. The Product Disclosure Statement is the best source of information regarding your investments, and includes recommended timeframes for each investment option.

[Download Product Disclosure Statement](#)





## Online threats on the rise.

New Zealanders are being impacted by cyber security threats more frequently at work and at home. The increasing number of incidents shows that it's vital to take steps to keep ourselves safe online. This year's Cyber Smart Week in October, run by CERT NZ, focused on empowering New Zealanders to step up their online security so they are less vulnerable to cyber-attacks.



### Cyber Up with these four simple steps:

- Upsize your passwords
- Upgrade to two-factor authentication
- Uphold your privacy
- Update your apps and devices.

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## Online investing platforms transform attitudes to investing.

The **Financial Markets Authority (FMA) great debate** in early August 2021 focused on DIY investing. It is estimated that more than 250,000 New Zealanders are using online investing portals such as Sharesies, Hatch, and InvestNow, three-quarters of them aged 25-44. Eight out of 10 New Zealand investors have a more favourable view of investing and financial markets after using online investing platforms, according to research released by the FMA. The research shows that investing becomes "social", with new investors more likely to be influenced by online forums and an emotional connection with a company's brand than their financial reports and disclosures. The theme of the latest **World Investor Week** focused on 'Investing FOMO? Take a Mo' which encouraged DIY investors to carefully consider investing decisions by using the 'Five D's of DIY Investing' and not be primarily influenced by the fear of missing out.

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## Take time to korero.

With everything that's happening at the moment, how can we keep upbeat and feel good – including financially well? Sorted.org.nz recently published an article titled "**For wellbeing, a short chat can go a long way**" during the Mental Health Awareness Week. It's well worth a read especially during this disruptive time due to the impact of the global pandemic and local lockdowns.

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